

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2006, entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.